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New FBI Role

The FBI is becoming a "true national police force," George Washington University law professor Selwyn Miller says in a recently published study of the "Roles of the Attorney General of the United States."

Miller said Congress has been assigning the FBI more responsibilities and the work of the FBI has been expanding along with that of the Justice Department.

The study, published by the American Enterprise Institute, a nonpartisan research organization, found that Justice Department had appeared as a "friend of the court" in some 100 Supreme Court cases since 1961, enabling the Attorney General to exert powerful influence on the development of national policies. The cases included civil rights demonstrations, sit-ins, school integration and open housing.